

¹"It should always be remembered that the Word of the Lord effectually works in them that believe.

"Years ago, I longed so to speak as not to entertain people but to profit them. I wanted to be a real **Onesiphorus**, of whom we read in this chapter; his name means, "*profit bringer*." Hence, if you would be profited by the exposition of the Word of God, you must believe it. You must believe that I have read the Word of God today and that I am preaching that Word. If you do that, then it will come to you as the Word of God and you will be benefited by the Word of God. Otherwise, you will be entertained, or you will be impressed with my knowledge of it, if you think I know it. Or, you may think of my eloquence, if you think I am eloquent.

"Whatever you may think will have the preponderance in your mind and that is all the benefit you will get. Friends, I am reading the Word of God. I am expounding the Scriptures by the power of the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven. Therefore, listen as if hearing the voice of God."

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¹ Excerpt taken from A. S. Copley's *Grace & Glory* study book on 2 Timothy.